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- The following report is based on observations of the Oderwerke shipyard in Stettin in mid-December 1954: So far as could be determined the three building slips of the Oderwerke shipyard were busy constructing ships of between 2,500 and 3,000 GRT similar to the new Soviet vessel KHULYM, 2,735 GRT, which had been built for the USSR in Stettin. It was believed that the ships reported under construction also were destined for the U.S.R. The three building slips accommodated the following ships: No 1 (north) Slipway: One ship ready to be launched, with smokestack erected, and all deck and bridge structures as is usual in Polish and Soviet shipyards. Masts and derricks had not been rigged. No 2 (central) Slipway: One ship was in the early stage of construction; the double-bottom tanks were completed, transverse frames set up, while the shell plating was not yet in place. No 3 (south) Slipway: One ship with hull complete, but still lacking the superstructures. Probably ready to be launched in four weeks. It may be safely said that the new ships on the building slips belonged to a group of standard ships since they seemed to be identical in size and type insofar as their stage of construction could indicate. This opinion seemed to be confirmed by the size and types of the ships which, lying alongside the outfit quay and nearing completion, could be clearly identified. The following ships were moored alongside the Oderwerke shipyard:

Ship No 1: Black topsides and green bottom paint, separated by a white line. This ship, which had no smokestack and no masts yet, was supposed to be ready for service about 6 weeks later.

Ship No 2: Construction completed. The masts and smokestacks were erected, as also were all other accessory parts. The ship was thinly painted from top to bottom and still lacked her final coat; presumably ready for service after 3 or 4 weeks.

Ship No 3: This ship was complete with all superstructures, the topsides and bottom still were thinly painted, with white separating line, and seemed to be ready for service except for a coat of paint and outfit; completion would take place in about 4 weeks.

- At the time of previous observation about a year ago, the situation at the Oderwerke shipyard was as follows:

- Two of the three undamaged building slips accommodated vessels of between 2,000 and 3,000 GRT of about the same type as recently

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were observed; both were ready to be launched.

- b. The third building slip was empty because the third new ship was launched during the period of observation.
- c. Two new ships nearing **completion** were moored alongside the outfit quay. The five new ships mentioned above probably were completed and put into service by mid-1954. The stage of completion of the new ships observed this time seemed to indicate that the Oderwerke Shipyard takes about 8 months to build a ship, supposing that the 6 new vessels observed belonged to the group of new vessels sighted in January. **(sic)**.
3. The Soviet S/S **KERLEK** was moored alongside the shipyard quay discharging finished ship building parts and equipment items for new ships. This steamer, about 3,000 or 4,000 GRT, had four cargo hatches.
4. The two floating docks belonging to the shipyard accommodated two Polish vessels

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